

EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH TRAIL

South Sammamish Segment A

May 2017

Construction of the South Sammamish Segment A right on schedule!

Construction of South Sammamish Segment A of the trail began in December and is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2017. The South Sammamish Segment A of the East Lake Sammamish Trail reaches Southeast 43rd Way to Southeast 33rd Street. Improving this 1.3 mile segment of trail is one more step in closing the gap on the 44-mile trail system that begins in downtown Seattle and ends in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

Ensuring safety

The South Sammamish Segment A is an active construction site and is closed to the public. Safety is King County's top priority. A number of safety measures have been put in place to increase safety during construction. Due to the close proximity of adjacent trail neighbors, there are times when people have to cross through the construction site. One of those times is when the neighborhood children catch the school bus in the morning or are coming home from school in the afternoon. To ensure the safety of these children, a member of the County's Construction Team, the Contractor's team, or the on-site County Law Enforcement Officer will escort the children through the construction zone to their bus or home.

Thank you for your patience and support during construction

King County wants to thank trail neighbors and trail users for their cooperation and feedback during construction. King County understands that construction can be inconvenient, noisy, dusty, and at times disruptive. Our crews take every precaution to maintain safety of both trailside neighbors and construction workers throughout the length of the project. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact us.

Public outreach representatives will be onsite throughout construction to meet with neighbors and answer questions. They can also be reached by calling the project hotline at **1-888-668-4226** Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by email ELST@kingcounty.gov.

Progress of the ELST project

For more information about recent progress, visit the project website: kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail.



Above: student being escorted thru construction site for safety

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"I have been one acquainted with the night.
I have walked out in rain — and back in rain.
I have outwalked the furthest city light..."

— Robert Frost



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Your Big Backyard

Understanding retaining walls

Trail development requires construction of retaining walls to stabilize slopes, avoid impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, and minimize the project footprint. Construction of the trail includes two types of retaining walls: gravity block walls and structural earth walls.

Gravity block walls



- Gravity block walls use their own weight to retain cut slopes and require no tiebacks
- The solid concrete block design provides structural support
- These walls are primarily used in cut wall situations where space for excavation is limited and the required wall height exceeds four feet
- Gravity block walls have a compact footprint, resulting in less impact to the surrounding environment

Structural earth walls



Structural earth walls are the most common type of retaining wall and are composed of precast concrete blocks and reinforced fill.

- Thick mesh or geogrids are placed in horizontal layers to reinforce the wall
- Structural earth walls have a shorter construction duration, they are easy to install and less expensive
- Structural earth walls provide needed flexibility to withstand deformations or settlements

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

If you have questions, or would like more information, contact the community outreach team. Our outreach staff can ensure you receive accurate and timely information.

- Email ELST@kingcounty.gov. King County will respond within one business day.
- Learn about King County Parks: Follow our blog - kingcountyparks.org
- For the latest King County news: Visit us on Twitter at [@iheartkcparks](https://twitter.com/iheartkcparks)
- Get involved: Sign up for our email alerts to get the latest information about the trail, upcoming community meetings, and events at: kingcounty.gov/about/news/subscribe.aspx

Coming soon!

Regional Trail Safety Campaign

King County's Regional Trails System (RTS) is one of the nation's most extensive multi-use networks with more than 175 miles of trails for recreation and non-motorized mobility and commuting. The RTS connects communities from Bothell to Auburn and Seattle to the Cascades, and the RTS continues to grow, with an overall vision of 300 miles of trails. Beginning early this summer, King County parks will be kicking off a trail safety campaign on our busiest trails. Along with posting creative signs along the trail we will be working with local communities to spread the word about sharing the trail.

Construction progress

Safety is King County's top priority during trail construction. Due to the extensive amount of work, narrow corridor, steep terrain, and limited access, this segment will continue to be closed throughout construction. Since construction began at the end of last year, the contractor has completed a number of milestones, including:

Installed the safety and silt fencing



Cleared trail footprint



and much more!

Upcoming construction activities

Throughout the spring and summer, you will see multiple construction crews working within the trail corridor to prepare for paving later this fall. Complete installation of underground utilities, retaining walls, relocation of water lines, constructing the trail footprint, trenches, fencing, and landscaping are all scheduled construction activities for later this year.